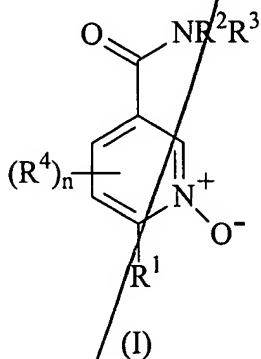


Please amend Claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A compound having the structure (I):



and optical isomers, diastereomers, enantiomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein

R^1 is selected from R^5 and R^5 -(C_1 - C_6 heteroalkylene)- where R^5 is selected from hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, carbocycle aliphatic ring and heterocycle aliphatic ring, amino or hydroxy;

R^2 is hydrogen;

R^3 is aryl or aryl(alkylene);

each occurrence of R^4 is independently selected from halogen, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, carbocycle aliphatic ring and heterocycle aliphatic ring, amino or hydroxy; and

n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

provided, however, that when R^3 is phenyl, R^4 can not be halogen at the 4-position of the pyridine ring, and that when n is 0, and R^3 is phenyl optionally substituted by methoxycarbonyl, R^1 can not be selected from R^5 where R^5 is hydrogen.

Please amend Claim 4 to read as follows:

4. (Amended) A compound of claim 1 wherein n is 0 or 1.